(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the locations and capacity of the projects indicating specifically the projects proposed to be set up in Gujarat and Maharashtra; and

(c) whether any of the entrepreneurs has already invited applications from distributors and dealers with enormous application fees; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Government of India has issued LOI to M/s International Petroleum S.A. (BVI), Switzerland reportedly promoted by Shri Bhikhubhai Parmar, an NRI, to set up a 5 MMTPA oil refinery (expandable to 10 MMTPA) in Gujarat.

Under the Parallel Marketing System, private agencies, including NRIs, have been allowed to import, bottle and distribute LPG by using/setting up their own facilities at market determined prices under their own terms in any location/State/Union Territory of their choice.

More than five parties have advertised inviting applications for appointment of distributors/dealers. While no registration or licence from Government is necessary for undertaking parallel marketing, the State/U.T. Government have been directed to take appropriate action against those found cheating or indulging in unfair trade practices, under various laws/Acts in force. The public has also been cautioned against bogus firms. On information/complaint, MRTP Commission also takes appropriate action against persons indulging in unfair trade practices.

**HBJ pipeline**

768. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost incurred on erection of HBJ Pipe Line;

(b) what will be the useful heat value available on per kilo calorie basis and what will be the cost of the same;

(c) whether any other unit is applicable in this case to measure the useful heat value of the Petroleum Product from this Pipe Line; and

(d) how does it compare with useful heat value of per kg. calories of energy produced by 'A' Grade Coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The expenditure incurred till date is Rs. 1,622 crores.

(b) and (c) The net calorific value (NCV) of HBJ gas ranges from 8,400 to 9,200 kilo calories per standard cubic metre. The current price of HBJ gas having NCV of 9,000 kilo calories per standard cubic metre is Rs. 2.716 per 1000 cubic metres excluding sales tax. Thus the cost per unit of energy for HBJ gas works out to Rs. 302/- per million kilo calories.

(d) The calorific value of Indian coal varies from 3,500 to 4,000 kilo calories per kg. of coal.

**Lifting of price control for lubricants**

769. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lifted the price control mechanism for lubricants produced by the public sector oil companies;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such steps of Government would increase the prices of lubricants; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make availability of lubricants at a reasonable price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND